

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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MOTION TO DECLARE SEPTEMBER 18-24, 2011 FALL PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK

It is estimated that nearly 11 percent of Los Angeles County citizens—over 1,065,000—are 65 years of age or older; and that one-third of adults over the age of 65, and 50 percent of adults over the age 80 will fall each year. Falling and the fear of falling can lead to depression, isolation, diminished mobility, and loss of functional independence.

The Fall Prevention Coalition—Los Angeles and its member organizations, which include Community and Senior Services, Public Health Department and other groups, are making a concerted effort in Los Angeles County to reduce falls and fall-related injuries among the elderly during the week of September 18-24, 2011 by educating older Angelinos and service providers about ways to reduce fall risk with posters, handouts, and place mats in community centers, senior housing, congregate meal sites, medical centers and hospitals.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE Board of Supervisors joins the State (SCR 77-2008) by declaring September 18-24, 2011 as Fall Prevention Awareness Week in Los Angeles County and commend the Fall Prevention Coalition for educating our community about Fall Prevention.

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